

TOWN OF WILTON

SELECTMEN'S MINUTES

Date: April 15, 2013
Time: 6:30 P.M.
Place: Town Office

Present: Chairman Daniel E. Donovan, III, Selectmen William F. Condra and Richard E. Swanson, and Recording Secretary Pamela Atwood.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Chairman Donovan.

Steve Elliott was recognized to discuss the Old County Farm Bridge. The project is starting Wednesday and will take two weeks. Steve thinks he should fix the class VI road while he is there, so it could serve for emergency access. He will only do minimal maintenance and grading work and it will only be open until May 15th.

Motion: A motion was made by Chairman Donovan for the DPW to do some grading and minimal maintenance on the Class VI portion of Old County Farm Road for emergency access. The motion was seconded by Selectman Condra. A vote all in favor followed. Steve has notified all abutters.

Steve informed the Board that he will get the areas at the Recycling Center cleaned up that have accumulated trash over the winter. Chairman Donovan mentioned that we had been written up by DES for previous housekeeping issues so it was important to take care of it.

The Public Hearing for the Speed Grant was opened up. Chief Hautanen spoke about the Route 101 Corridor Speed Grant. Chairman Donovan asked if the grant covers the Town's contribution to New Hampshire Retirement System, and the Chief confirmed that it does. Selectman Swanson asked Brent how it works and Brent answered his

question stating that it is a coordinated effort among neighboring towns that also have the same grant.

Public comment was accepted.

Motion: Chairman Donovan made a motion to authorize the Police Chief to accept the Route 101 Corridor Speed Grant. The motion was seconded by Selectman Swanson followed by a unanimous vote.

Selectman Kevin Boette from Lyndeborough told the Board of Selectmen that the other two Lyndeborough Selectmen wouldn't be able to make tonight's meeting.

Chairman Donovan addressed the Goss Park issue. He introduced those in attendance for the meeting; Kevin Boette, Lyndeborough Selectman; Laura Manning, Wilton Lyndeborough Youth Center; Kate Thorndike, Lyndeborough Town Administrator; Darleen Simmons and Ron O'Keefe from LGC.

Chairman Donovan told the group how the ownership question had arisen. The park is owned by the Wilton Lyndeborough Youth Center and not the Town of Wilton as previously thought. It was agreed to refine the agreement with the WLYC after Town Meeting. The park is a valuable resource for Wilton. One of the issues raised was insurance coverage. Chairman Donovan noted that the Town of Wilton would not cancel any insurance coverage it holds on the park until he's sure the park is covered.

Laura Manning spoke about history of the park saying that they are interested in continuing the relationship with Wilton and Lyndeborough as in the past. Dan spoke about contributions. Ms. Thorndike shared the lease and operating agreement that she had. Dan read the lease out loud. Chairman Donovan stated that there was work to be done to come up with an agreement. He suggested that each Board designate one person to be the point person. The group would

come up with an operating agreement and a fee agreement.

The representatives from LGC joined in on the discussion. Darlene cited that both the Town of Wilton and the Youth Center have insurance on the beach and on a chlorine house. She stated that the liability should stay with the owner. WLYC would have gone through an eligibility test to be insured by LGC. LGC holds all the insurances for WLYC. Chairman Donovan asked if a claim came through would it be denied. It will not be denied per Darlene. They are covered during the off-season also. Chairman Donovan said to keep insurance as is for now until everything is settled. The agreement that the committee recommends will be subject to approval by both Boards. Dan asked Selectman Swanson if he would be Wilton's representative. He agreed. There was further discussion on how to fund Goss Park.

The Prosecutorial Contract and the Ambulance Agreement were the other two items that needed to be discussed. Chief Hautanen confirmed that the Prosecutorial Contract had been approved by the Attorney General's Office.

Motion: Chairman Donovan made a motion to execute the Prosecutorial Contract. The motion was seconded by Selectman Condra followed by a unanimous vote.

The Board signed the Prosecutor Contract.

The Board signed the Ambulance Contract.

Chairman Donovan spoke about the events in Boston that took place during the Boston Marathon today. He acknowledged and recognized the brave people who jumped in and helped during this time of unknown events.

Chairman Donovan asked Chief Hautanen to speak on the alarm monitoring item on the agenda. The Chief said that the monitoring can be done through MACC Base as part of the yearly fee being paid. It was noted that the Water Department is also being monitored but they

are not being billed for the service. MACC Base doesn't own the equipment; it is owned by the Milford Fire Department. Wilton's Police Department is monitored by an outside company. MACC Base will not bill for any monitoring they do for Wilton. It would be a process to get the service switched over. After further discussion, Brent volunteered to follow up and check with the schools as well.

The Board talked about the allocation of Goss Park between the towns and Chairman Donovan talked about the tax status of both Goss Park and the Ambulance Building.

Steve Elliott requested Selectmen Condra to attend the Sewer meeting with him to discuss the Sewer project. He would like to discuss the needs of the Water Commission to see if any projects can be done while the street is dug up for the Sewer project.

The manifests were approved.

The minutes were approved.

One (1) Abatement request was approved.

One (1) Assistance request was approved.

Two (2) Notices of Intent-to-cut timber were approved.

One (1) Property Lien notice was signed.

One (1) Current Use application was approved.

One (1) Veteran's Exemption was approved.

One (1) Excavation Warrant was signed.

Chairman Donovan recognized Susanne Egan and called for a nonpublic session per RSA 91-A:3,II(c) at 7:38 P.M. The motion was seconded by Selectman Condra and voted in the affirmative.

The meeting was called to order at 7:55 P.M.

Dawn Tuomala attended the meeting to discuss a project she is doing on a boundary line at the Girl Scout Camp. She gave a history of the land and a road, now known as Colburn Road, going back to the

1900's. Her research indicated that an attempt to close the road was rescinded, making the road a class V road, but it has not been maintained, therefore, it is a class VI road; and Dawn believes it is class VI all the way through as opposed to what is recorded on the Town maps. Dawn explained that the new owners want to sell the lot to the north of the road without doing a subdivision, and her interpretation of the law is that the decision lies with Board of Selectmen. There was further discussion. Chairman Donovan stated a Supreme Court case saying that this situation may be different. He asked if anyone would be adversely affected if the Board said the road was a class VI road. Dan stated that road law is fascinating. He will contact Attorney Little on the subject.

Dawn told the Board that she had found an easement for the drainage that runs through Town.

The Board signed the letter for Ms. Waldo stating that her house is a legal two family house.

Chairman Donovan mentioned that the package for Bond Counsel was complete and ready to submit. It will be mailed tomorrow. He spoke about the conference call that he had today with Bond Counsel regarding a resolution that needs to be passed by the Board of Selectmen next week. Pam will follow up to make sure it is complete for the next meeting.

The Emergency Operation Plan was discussed. Chairman Donovan thinks it should be an elected official who designates the plan to be in effect. Selectman Swanson wanted to confirm that the EMD has had some training. Dan explained how the elderly housing facility has been an issue during emergencies in the past.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:33 P.M. by Chairman Donovan, seconded by Selectman Condra, followed by a vote with all

in favor.

Respectfully submitted;

Pamela L. Atwood,
Recording Secretary